

## APPLE ROMANCE GONE

Modern Methods Have Supplanted the Old-Time Harvest.

Memories of the Days When Orchards Were Picturesque, But Not So Identical and Profitable As Now.

A pilgrimage was made through the Champlain valley in Vermont last year during the apple harvest, because of the interest aroused by an outdoor meeting of the Vermont Horticultural society, held in a house on the shore of the lake, writes a Burlington woman in the Boston Sunday Globe. It was a June day in August, and several hundred people, including business, professional and newspaper men, as well as farmers, came in automobiles and carriages with their families, and after speech making enjoyed a basket picnic on the farmer's lawn under the big elms, the Green Mountain range on the east, and Lake Champlain and the Adirondacks on the west, making it an ideal situation.

After demonstrations of power spraying, blowing off of stumps and making holes for tree planting with dynamite, everybody roamed through the great orchard, which slopes to the shore, and marveled at the loads of apples on the trees. One old farmer said to another as they went after their teams: "Wal, I'm goin' home and do jest the very best I can!"

The writer recalled memories of an old orchard, just across the line fence, in the Winoski valley, where a child went on an errand picked up a few "homey sweets" sweeter than any honey ever stored by a bee. And there were the "Granny Dears," possibly "Grenadiers" originally, but Granny Webster once owned the farm and her memory was embittered by the story of apples. There was another apple of which no child ever took the second bite, for it was "sour enough to make a pig squeal," so they were called "Squealers."

In the home orchard first in the season came the "flat apples," with a sprightly acid flavor and much "faintness at the poles," and in great demand for the first apple pie of the season. There were many other kinds, but of the Pound Sweet. They were packed away in oats or bran, until they were of a beautiful golden color, and then they were ready for eating.

The tree stood outside the orchard by the rail-fence-bordered lane, leading from the barn to the "milk-houses," with the great butternut trees on each side. The stone wall was just the place to track nuts, and by the apples, as well as by boys. The penny-

royal grew with the lobelia and other "airbs" all over the rocky pasture. Another apple was the Bitter Sweet, growing by the "milk-houses rock," a smooth ledge bearing grooves and scratches of the ice age. East of this ledge, a mountain brook rippled and chattered down the hillside, turned and ran through the "milk meadow," among the sweet flag, past the house and through the fields and meadows to the river.

The great day in the orchard was when men and boys climbed the trees and shook the branches till the apples came down in showers, and those that clung tight were beaten off with poles, picked up in baskets, poured into a cart, taken to the house and poured into a big bin in the cellar.

We wondered why they did not keep better. Many were dried, however, and the "paring bee" was the principal social function of the season. Some apples were put with the potatoes, into the "tater hole" in the side hill, which was not opened until the frost was out of the ground in the spring.

Come with me to the Holmes orchard and see how apples are gathered to-day. A dozen or two of men, each having a long ladder and a basket, pick the apples from the trees and pour them gently on to the sorting table, where they are sorted carefully and packed in barrels with a cushion of corrugated paper, top and bottom.

Only two or three years ago apples lay in piles under the trees in all the orchards of that region, and the red and yellow heaps were beautiful to see, but the world moves and the farmer must keep up with the procession. So he is studying principles and methods, and the agricultural department of the university has more students every year.

To be sure, the orchard lands of long years were more picturesque than at present. James Whitcomb Riley would not wish to "waller" in the "shadders" of the present day orchard, because it is harrowed every week, and sprayed often and fertilized with smelly things. Some of the poetry has gone out of it, but the crop is mightily improved. At Orchard farm, near Burlington, the orchard had a beautiful carpet of buckwheat, which was sown in August for a cover crop, to be plowed in next spring. Apples measuring from 10 to 13 inches in circumference were seen there. The largest was a King, and Northern Spy, came next at 12 inches.

## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM.

Arrangements for Many Events of Senior Week at the University.

The faculty committee in charge of the arrangement of the commencement program Monday made public the results of their labor. The orator at the commencement exercises on Wednesday, June 26, is not yet announced. The Cotillon club dance Friday evening, June 21, begins the ceremonies and the senior boat race Wednesday evening, June 26, brings them to a close. The program is as follows:

FRIDAY, JUNE 21.

Evening—Cotillon club dance.

SATURDAY, JUNE 22.

Evening—Kingsley prize speaking in the College Street Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23.

4:00 p. m.—Academic procession and baccalaureate sermon on the College Green or, if unfavorable weather, in the First Church.

MONDAY, JUNE 24.

10:00 a. m.—Department reunions.

2:00 p. m.—Class day exercises on the College Green.

4:00 p. m.—Fraternity teas.

4:00 p. m.—Alumni club reception at Grassmount.

7:30 p. m.—Meeting of the trustees at College Street Church parlors.

8:00 p. m.—Senior promenade at Billings Library.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

9:00 a. m.—Trustees meet at Billings Library.

9:00 a. m.—Phi Beta Kappa annual meeting in senior lecture room.

10:00 a. m.—Annual meeting of associate alumni and nomination of trustee by alumni, in college chapel.

12:00 m.—Luncheon of alumni and guests, followed by addresses, in the gymnasium.

2:30 p. m.—Athletic association meets in the college chapel.

3:00 p. m.—Baseball game with the alumni.

4:00 p. m.—President's reception.

6:00 p. m.—Medical alumni banquet at Medical College.

9:00 p. m.—Fraternity reunions.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26.

5:00 a. m.—Meeting of the trustees in Billings Library.

10:30 a. m.—Procession to The Strong theatre.

11:00 a. m.—Commencement exercises, conferring of degrees, address.

2:00 p. m.—Commencement exercises, the Van Ness house.

8:00 p. m.—Senior boat race.

## SQUIRE CAPTAIN OF TRACK.

Season Just Finished the Most Brilliant in History.

Tuesday afternoon the University of Vermont track team elected H. H. Squire captain of the team for the following year. Squire has been a consistent winner in the weight events, and as a popular athlete well deserves the honor of furthering the progress of track athletics at the university.

K. H. Owens, a big point getter in the dashes, was elected captain of the relay team. The past season in track has been one of the most successful in the history of the university. It was begun most auspiciously when the cross-country team defeated Bowdoin at Brunswick, and Tufts at Burlington.

Then the relay team, consisting of Guterson, Williams, Alken and Selmond, won the race against Maine in the B. A. A. indoor meet last February. Next year's cross-country team will lose one man, and the relay, two, but there is plenty of material at hand to fill their places, and next fall's entering class will bring many candidates.

Vermont split even in the two dual meets, losing the Colgate meet, and winning the meet with Massachusetts Agricultural College handily. The defeat by Colgate was due largely to the fact that Guterson injured his heel in the broad jump and was unable to compete in the latter events.

England's drink bill in 1911 was \$14,000,000, against \$775,000,000 in 1910, the increase being attributed to a long spell of dry summer weather and unprecedented home and foreign trade. Since 1891 per capita consumption has shown marked decrease.

## GARBAGE MAN WILL QUIT

His Proposition, However, Is Not Satisfactory to Officials.

Aldermen Discussed the Question, along with Much Other Business, at Regular Monthly Meeting Monday Evening.

Numerous and varied were the subjects covered by the board of aldermen at their regular session Monday night. So numerous in fact, that the business of the evening was not completed until nearly ten o'clock. The list ranged from the purchase of three horses for the fire department to the granting of licenses to traveling street musicians. Considerable money was ordered spent in payment of bills and matters pertaining to garbage, telephone poles, ancient suits against the city, street repairs, water, etc., etc., revolved about the board table in kaleidoscopic fashion.

Alderman Walker started the ball rolling when he asked why a bill of sale had not been presented to the board by the chief of the fire department for three horses which Chief Niles recently purchased. Mr. Walker objected to the purchase of three horses anyway, because, he said, the board had authorized the purchase of only two horses. He said he could not understand on what authority three horses had been bought and why a bill of sale had not accompanied the bill sent to the board.

Alderman Drew moved that Chief Niles be authorized to explain. Upon the arrival of Chief Niles, he said that three horses were bought because the fire commissioners ordered him to buy three instead of two. He said that three horses had been sold because they were unfit for service in the department and the sum of \$20.00 had been received for the three that were sold. The third horse had become lame after the board had authorized the purchase of two, he said, and the commissioners considered it wise to buy three horses so that the department would not be crippled in any way. He said it had never been customary to present such a bill and he had no idea that the board required one.

The committee to which was referred the matter of an increase in salary for the health officer recommended that the salary be continued as it is at present. The committee was composed of Aldermen Barnes, Coffey and Drew. A petition to have Clymer street extended was referred to the street commissioners, and the same commissioners were also instructed to repair the road on North street from Winoski avenue to North condition. This street has been in bad condition for some time.

The board voted a temporary loan of \$500 to the cemetery commissioners and the city treasurer was authorized to draw \$50.00 to meet the expenses of the city. Mayor Roberts sent a communication to the board announcing the appointment of George P. Burns to fill the position of park commissioner, a vacancy being caused by the resignation of Austin F. Hawes. City Attorney Horton made a motion on a petition of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company for permission to erect poles in certain streets. The city attorney recommended that the petition be denied until it is revised to conform to an ordinance which sets forth that the top gain of each pole be reserved for city purposes. The petition, as worded, did not conform to this part of the ordinance.

The ancient suit of John H. Fineran, a former police officer, against the city to recover pay for services in the department, was revived when, in a report to the board, the city attorney recommended that the city make Mr. Fineran a compromise offer in order to prevent further litigation in the matter. Fineran was appointed a policeman by Mayor Burke in 1907 and was suspended directly afterward by Mayor Bigelow. The policeman claimed that the charges on which he was suspended were irregular and he reported to police headquarters and engaged in the back business. The case could be taken to the supreme court on technical points, if necessary, but the city attorney was of the opinion that it would be best to effect a settlement if possible. The matter was referred to a committee.

## THE GARBAGE TANGLE.

The garbage question was up again and referred back to the original committee, consisting of Aldermen Barnes, Coffey and Coffey. Thomas F. Conlon submitted a proposition to the board by which he will give up the job of collecting garbage, provided the city will allow him certain concessions. He wants \$50 each for the boxes in which the garbage is collected and he also asks that the board pay him for collecting garbage for April and May. Mr. Conlon also sets forth a number of minor considerations relating to the temporary hiring by the city of the present garbage collectors.

The board of health and the committee on garbage also presented reports, but not in favor of the Conlon proposition. The board of health recommends that the Conlon proposition be not adopted and that further negotiations be taken up for the purpose of settling the garbage matter. The garbage committee also do not favor the Conlon proposal but recommend that the board of health be instructed to collect all garbage and trash not collected by Mr. Conlon under his contract, until such time as a settlement is reached. The whole garbage matter was referred back to the garbage committee. In the meantime it looks as if the city may have to go into the garbage collecting business itself but, in case it does, the citizens who have not complied with the ordinances relating to the placing of garbage, etc., will be forced to do so under a new ordinance. At present the whole garbage matter is "in the air."

Conlon's bond has not been approved and his bill of \$14.50 for garbage collection during the month of April has been held up and referred to the garbage committee.

A petition for water and a sewer in Lodge road, sent to the board by Michael Collins, was referred to the water and the street departments.

BILLS PAID.

The board ordered the following bills paid: Water department, \$3,101.23; electric light department, \$4,832.88; sewer department, \$1,272.71; fire department, \$456.53; lights, \$1,417.76; police department, \$1,335.43; parks, \$2,421.11; New England Telephone Co., \$67.1; F. S. Lanou & Son, labor and material on city and Memorial Hall, \$79.95; Hagar Hardware Co., \$67.25; Burlington Light & Power Co., \$80; lights in city hall, \$3.50; water, city and Memorial Hall, \$23.45; J. E. Burke, sharpening picks for station 5, \$8.60; M. R. Tracey, labor, \$2.00; Free

Press, printing 300 reports for health department, \$15.60; D. H. Alrich, painting dump signs, \$1.50; Library department, \$346.13; John Fuller, killing 12 dogs, \$12; Van A. Nye, salary as assessor's clerk, \$31; Free Press, \$107.63; M. Gier, putting up caucous lists, \$1.50; M. C. Granby, posters and notices, \$5; E. K. Pressey, salary as building inspector, \$31.50; W. C. Isham, county treasurer, account for county tax, \$23.59; E. H. Denavit, State Treasurer, for State highway tax, \$3,236.98; Lighting College street clock, \$4.67; E. O. Beaupre, salary as assessor, \$108; A. L. Barrows, salary as assessor, \$108; C. Graton, salary as assessor, \$108; N. C. Florence, keeping open office, \$25; Burlington Daily News, advertising, \$7.20; Lane Press, \$2.50; E. H. Denavit, State school tax, \$13,179.17.

## COST OF RUNNING THE CITY.

The expenditures of the city department from January 1 to June 1, 1912, were shown to be as follows:

Streets	12,788.29
Sewers	509.98
Electric light current	14,713.94
Library	1,927.09
Parks	338.25
Criminal and police	7,589.47
Pauper	5,094.45
Salaries	1,750.00
Public buildings	729.29
Fire	9,762.69
Water	17,349.23
Interest	7,111.69
Incidental	5,142.97
Health	1,833.87
Street lights	4,948.60
Schools	42,521.47
Electric plant	15,748.74
	\$154,912.73

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT REPORT.

The school department monthly report for May was as follows:

Cash on hand May 1, 1912	\$12.05
Tuition collected	225.60
Rent collected	23.00
Sundries	2.49
Warrants	16,198.59
Total charges	\$16,056.07

## DEBITS.

Vouchers No. 35 to 104 included \$16,309.44. Cash on hand June 1, 1912, \$15.43.

## TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.

\$16,056.07.

## VETO FOR RUSSELL HOUSE.

Mayor Roberts returned, without his approval, the conditional hotel license granted by the board to the Russell House. As the city charter provides that when the mayor does not approve of a license he shall give his reason in writing, and as the mayor did not so state his objections, the license was referred back to Mayor Roberts. His reason for disapproving the license, it is understood, lies in the fact that the proprietor of the hotel is charged with keeping a house of ill-fame and several people arrested in a recent raid in the place are still waiting to have their names disposed of.

## LICENSES GRANTED.

The board wound up the business of the session by granting a number of licenses. Among them were: License to give an exhibition at Athletic Park by Wheeler & Downie, a small circus; M. J. Daley, auto hack, \$10; George Zeckind, hack, \$10; poolroom, F. J. Dunbar, 159 North Winoski avenue, \$4; George Winkel, hack, \$10; E. J. Zeno, hack, \$10; W. H. Salts, carter, \$1; Wm. Riley, carter, \$1; restaurant at 174 Battery St., \$5; poolroom, 154 Battery street, \$5; Arlington Hotel, \$5; poolroom, 145 Elmwood avenue, \$1; Joseph L. Egan, \$5; street photographer, \$5; license to peddle fruit, \$15; a number of licenses to street musicians for short periods.

## ORDINATION AT ST. PAUL'S.

B. M. Washburn Made a Deacon by the Rt. Rev. A. C. A. Hall.

Benjamin Martin Washburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seth M. Washburn of Bethel, was ordained deacon Sunday morning by the Rt. Rev. Arthur C. A. Hall at St. Paul's Church. Mr. Washburn was graduated last week from the Theological Seminary in New York City, and he will return there in September for another year of study as he has, by his high standing, a fellowship.

Assisting in the service yesterday morning were the rector, the Rev. George Y. Bliss, and the Rev. Charles Chase Wilson. A forceful sermon was preached by the Rev. David L. Sanford, the diocesan missionary. The congregation was very large.

After completing his studies at the seminary, Mr. Washburn will be assigned to a parish in this diocese.

## BUCHANAN-COBB.

Burlington Young Lady Married to Graduate of University of Vermont.

There was a quiet home wedding Tuesday afternoon at the home of 36 and Mrs. J. P. Cobb of 92 Main street, when their daughter, Miss Helen True Cobb, was united in marriage to Roy O. Buchanan of Glover by John M. Falgout, D. D., minister of the Every Day Church. Miss Cobb is well known in musical circles as an accomplished violinist, and Mr. Buchanan is a graduate of the University of Vermont, with honors, in the class of 1906. The immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present at the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan will reside for the present at Glover.

A bit of sentiment was found in the fact that the ceremony took place on the 33rd anniversary of the wedding of the bride's parents.

## GRAND COUNCIL OF U. C. T.

Burlington Men Going to Meeting in Worcester Next Week.

On an Athletic Park each Saturday afternoon when the weather is fine may be seen Clarence G. Newton's husky team of U. C. T. baseball players, romping around the diamond and practicing with stick and mitt in order to be in trim for their big game with Somerville, Mass., during the second annual convention of the Grand Council of New England, United Commercial Travelers, at Worcester June 13, 14 and 15. Newton's team is composed of some of the best fans in the business and expect to carry off the game for Burlington Council.

The delegates from Burlington to the grand council are Walter Smith, William Hiney and Thomas W. Gurney. It is expected that a large number of members of Burlington Council will go to Worcester. Thomas J. Welch of Portland Council, No. 30, grand master of work, will exemplify the degree on Thursday June 13, and an elaborate program has been arranged for the three days. Thomas B. Garvey of this city is grand past master of the New England Grand Council.

The Ohio constitutional convention made 42 changes in the constitution to be submitted to the voters at a special election September 2.

## WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY

An Epoch-Making Decision—People Have Right to Take Electric Power.

(From the Brattleboro Phoenix.)

The supreme court of Vermont has recently handed down a decision in the case of the Rutland Railway Light & Power company vs. Clarendon Power company, which marks another revolution of the law of eminent domain and of the rights of the public in the water powers of the State.

The case arose on proceedings started by the Clarendon Power company to take an undeveloped water power of the Rutland company, which the Rutland company claimed it needed for its own purposes to develop and sell electricity for power purposes. The question to be determined was whether the generation and distribution of electricity for power purposes was a public use. Way back as long ago as 1896, Vermont, in common with what most of the States were doing at that time, passed a statute providing that a person building a dam and desiring to flow the lands of another, could do so on demanding the right in court and paying damages, etc. In the celebrated case of Trier vs. Beecher in the 44th Vermont, Judge Wheeler wrote the opinion of the court, holding that it was unconstitutional to flow land of another person for developing power for manufacturing purposes, and distinguished the Vermont constitutional provisions from that of other States which had held such laws to be constitutional. Practically every other State in the country has upheld the constitutionality of the flowage acts, and the result has been a much larger development of power for manufacturing purposes in adjoining States than in Vermont.

The first charter granted by the Legislature which authorized the taking or flowing of lands or the erection of transmission lines and the taking of lands therefor by an electrical power company was that granted the Connecticut River Power company. Since then several charters have been granted including the provision, notably that for the Deerfield development and for the Fifteen Mile Falls. The supreme court has held in recent cases that the generation and distribution of electricity for street lighting purposes is a public use, but has never, until the Rutland case, decided the question as to electricity for power purposes. The court in the opinion in the Rutland case, exhaustively reviews the previous decisions bearing upon the question, and says:

"It is a matter of common knowledge that the granite industry, both in California and Washington counties, has been entirely built over since the advent of electric power, and in both localities there is at present a demand for additional power. The small dealer can now engage in the business with a chance to succeed in competition with the large operator. The industrial activity in Windham county is made possible by recent electrical developments and installations. The Deerfield valley is in process of development; the Fifteen Mile falls on the Connecticut is prospective. \* \* \* Our holding, then, is that in the absence of charter limitations, a corporation which engages in the business of generating and distributing electric energy for general sale for power purposes devotes its property to a public service as much as if it limited its business to the sale of current for lighting purposes. Such business is affected with a public interest both as regards the law of regulation and the law of eminent domain."

"It is apparent that this holding goes quite beyond that in the Deerfield River company vs. Windham Power & Paper company, 35 Vt. 518. It puts all corporations engaged in generating electricity for general sale into one and the same class, without regard to the presence or absence of special provisions in their charters regulating the conduct of their business."

This establishes beyond question the right of any party developing electrical power to flow lands, to take lands by eminent domain, and to take by eminent domain a right of way for transmission lines for power purposes. It makes it feasible to utilize the undeveloped powers in the State, and prevents hold-ups.

But far more important, it dedicates to the use of the people the electricity generated in these water powers. According to this decision the people have the right to take the power, and if the power companies do not fix satisfactory rates, the courts will fix them. It is a long step in the evolution of the industrial development of the State. Brattleboro and Windham county have already tasted the benefits which may come from the proper development of the water powers. Before this decade has ended communities all over the State will be feeling the impetus which the court has given to the development of the natural resources of Vermont.

## NEWS TOLD IN BRIEF.

The scout cruiser Birmingham reports that the ice pearl has disappeared from the region, in which the Titanic went to her doom.

The Madero government has obtained a loan of \$10,000,000 from a Wall Street concern for the development of Mexican resources.

Valparaiso says the heaviest snowfall in the Chilean Andes since 1905 has seriously interfered with the cross-Andes railway traffic and passengers and mails are six days late.

The total amount of grain reeled at Buffalo from upper lake ports since the opening of navigation there approximates 26,780,000 bushels, an increase of about 6,300,000 bushels over last year.

The English language has superseded French at the American embassy in Paris and for the first time in 25 years the diplomatic business of the United States in France is being conducted in the mother tongue.

Emperor William in a speech at Brandenburg declared that the war of 1870 meant that the foreigner was once and for all forbidden to ravage German fields and destroy German industry.

Hampton's Magazine has suspended publication, not having enough money to get out next month's issue. The stockholders refused to pay a 10 per cent. assessment to continue publication.

Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia has appointed 21 men and women to act as a vice commission and report on the best method of handling the social evil and other forms of vice.

Dr. J. Seth Hirsch, the X-ray expert of Bellevue hospital, New York, has applied for a patent for a moving picture apparatus, which will take at the rate of 100 per minute X-ray pictures of the heart or other human organs in action.

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